- (ii) Grant across the counter, *i.e.* scrutiny of application at the acceptance stage so as to avoid objections related to passport applications.
- (iii) State police authorities are requested from time to time to expedite issuance of Police Reports, which are required for issuing passports, and
- (iv) Simplification of the passport issuance procedures from time to time.

Number of diplomatic representations

1690. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that among the world's major nations, India's diplomatic representation abroad is restricted to 114 of the 192 member-States of the UN;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that recently a plan has been formulated to open 24 new missions, some in countries where there are already embassies; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof and the present status of its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) and (b) India has resident diplomatic representations in 115 member-States of the United Nations as on date. The list of such member-States is enclosed as Statement.

(c) and (d) It has been decided to open an Indian Embassy in Ljubljana (Slovenia) and Consulates General/Consulates in Phuentsholing (Bhutan), Songkhla (Thailand), Juba (Sudan), Guagzhou (China) and Karachi (Pakistan). No decision has been taken so far to open more Mission abroad.

[7 December, 2006] RAJYA SABHA

Statement

Countries with resident Indian diplomatic representation

1 Afghanistan 26. Cyprus 2 Algeria 27. Czech Republic 3. Angola 28. Democratic Republic of Congo 4. Argentina. 29. Denmark 5. Armenia 30. Egypt 6. Australia 31. Ethiopia 7. Austria 32. Fiji 8. Azerbaijan 33. Finland 9. Bahrain 34. France 10. Bangladesh 35. Germany 11. Belarus 36. Ghana 12. Belgium 37. Greece 13. Bhutan 38. Guyana 14. Botswana 39. Hungary 15. Brazil 40. Indonesia 16. Brunei Darussalam 41. Iran 17. Bulgaria 42. Iraq 18. Cambodia 43. Ireland 19. Canada 44. Israel 20. Chile 45. Italy 21. China 46. Jamaica 22. Colombia 47. Japan 23. Cote D'Ivoire 48. Jordan 24. Croatia 49. Kazakhstan 25. Cuba 50. Kenya	SI.No. Countries	SI.No. Countries
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51.	Korea (North)	84.	Saudi Arabia
52.	Korea (South)	85.	Senegal
53.	Kuwait	86.	Serbia & Montenegro
54.	Kyrghyzstan	87.	Seychelles
55.	Laos	88.	Singapore
56.	Lebanon	89.	Slovak Rep.
57.	Libya.	90.	South Africa
58.	Madagascar	91.	Spain
59.	Malaysia	92.	Sri Lanka
60.	Maldives	93.	Sudan
61.	Mauritius	94.	Suriname
62.	Mexico	95.	Swiden
63.	Mongolia	96.	Switzerland
64.	Morocco	97.	Syria
65.	Mozambique	98.	Tajikistan
66.	Myanmar		Tanzania
67.	Namibia	100.	Thailand
68.	Nepal	101.	Trinidad & Tobago
69.	Netherlands	102.	Tunisia
70.	New Zealand	103.	Turkey
71.	Nigeria	104.	Turkmenistan
72.	Norway	105.	UAE.
73.	Oman	106.	U.K.
74.	Pakistan	107.	U.S.A.
75.	Panama		
76.	Papua New Guinea	108.	Uganda
77.	Peru	109.	Ukraine
78.	Philippines	110.	Uzbekistan
79.	Poland	111.	Venezuela
80.	Portugal	112.	Vietnam
81.	Qatar	113.	Yemen
82.	Romania	114.	Zambia
83.	Russian Fed.	115.	Zimbabwe